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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	) Mailstop RCE	7/2/0
Hermann P.T. AMMON et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1623	'
Application No.: 09/011,977	) Examiner: Howard V. Owens	
Filed: June 15, 1998	) Confirmation No.: 1580	
For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND ITS DERIVATIVES FOR INHIBITING NORMAL AND INCREASED LEUCOCYTIC ELASTASE OR PLASMIN ACTIVITY	PE  JUN  TECH CEN	ECEIVED 1 2 7 2003 ITER 1600/2900

## REPLY & AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 31, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed June 11, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 17, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

10. (Five Times Amended) A method for combating diseases selected from the group consisting of pulmonary emphysema, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock